

REMARKS

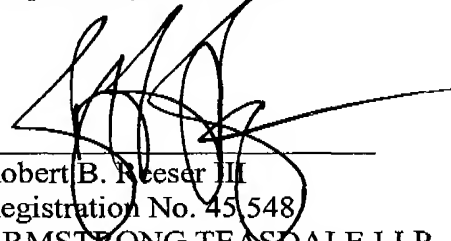
The foregoing supplemental amendments have been made in view of the Examiner Interview conducted on December 05, 2006.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 8-18 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 2 and 4-18 stand rejected. Claims 7 and 19 have been canceled.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview conducted by Applicant's representative Eric T. Krischke on December 05, 2006. During the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed differences between the cited prior art references and the present invention. The Examiner indicated that the foregoing supplemental amendments to the pending claims should overcome the rejections based on the cited prior art references.

In view of the foregoing supplemental amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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